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Dear Mr. Parrella:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Connecticut's request to renew the HUSKY A Program. Under the authority of section 1915(b)(1), (2) and (4) of the Social Security Act, approval is granted for a two-year period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004. The approval provides for a waiver of the following sections of Title XIX of the Act: Sections 1902(a)(10)(B) Comparability of Services and 1902(a)(23) Freedom of Choice.

The decision to approve this waiver is based on evidence submitted to CMS that shows the HUSKY A Program is consistent with the purposes of the Medicaid program. The Program has met statutory and regulatory requirements for assuring beneficiary access to care and quality of services, and waiver cost-effectiveness for section 1915(b) programs. Please note that continued approval is contingent on the State's compliance with the criteria related to children with special health care needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Elena Nicolella in the CMS Boston Regional Office at (617) 564-1243.

Sincerely,

Mike Fiore
Director